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SUBJ: UNSTABLE SECURITY SITUATION IN LISBON

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1. RELIABLE SOURCE IN OFFICE OF PRIME MINISTER TOLD EMBOFF
MORNING SEPT 29 THAT GOVERNMENT HAD TAKEN OVER RADIO AND TV
STATIONS IN AN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF SECURITY SITUATION
AND TO CLAMP DOWN ON RAMPANT MILITARY INDISCIPLINE. REACTION
TO THESE MOVES HAS BEEN STRONGER THAN GOVERNMENT HAD ANTICI-
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PATED AND OUTCOME OF THIS ISSUE STILL UNCERTAIN AT THIS TIME.

SOURCE STATED HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF IT BECAME NECESSARY TO DECLARE STATE OF EMERGENCY.

2. DURING MORNING OF SEPT 29 RADIO CLUBE PORTUGUES HAS INTERMITTENTLY CARRIED STRONGLY WORDED MES DECLARATION FOR PEOPLE TO COME INTO STREETS AT 1:00 PM TODAY TO OPPOSE "COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY" ORIENTATION AND ACTIONS OF SIXTH GOVERNMENT. UNITED REVOLUTIONARY FRONT (FUR) HAS ALSO CALLED FOR GENERAL STRIKE AND TAKEOVER OF BUSINESSES BY WORKERS. RADIO STATIONS IGNORED LOCAL SECURITY SITUATION ON 1:00 PM NEWS BROADCASTS AND ARE APPARENTLY UNDER MORE EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT CONTROL AT PRESENT TIME.

3. PCP-DOMINATED INTERSINDICAL TAKING POSITION THAT IT AWARE THAT WORKERS OF SOME FACTORIES EXPECT TO STRIKE BUT THAT INTERSINDICAL ITSELF IS NOT CALLING FOR A GENERAL STRIKE "AT THIS TIME."

4. COMMENT: GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN BIG CHANCE IN PRECIPITATING CONFRONTATION WHEN LOYALTY OF MILITARY FORCES IS UNCERTAIN. CARLUCCI

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